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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 2762

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS VS

SUBJECT: AMERICANS IN BAN ME THUOT

REF: SAIGON 2702

1. GVN REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE BAN ME THUOT AREA IN AN EFFORT TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE CITY AND ARE APPROACHING FROM THE NORTHEAST. THE ARVN SPOKESMAN HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE SITUATION FAVORS THE GOVERNMENT SIDE. ARVN CLAIMS A TOTAL OF 36 ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED IN AND AROUND BAN ME THUOT SINCE MONDAY MORNING AND THIS CLAIM IS PROBABLY REASONABLY ACCURATE. NEVERTHELESS, THE DETAILS OF THE TACTICAL SITUATION ARE QUITE UNCLEAR ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS THAT THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING IN THE CITY HAS BEEN IN AREAS OTHER THAN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CITY WHERE THE AMERICANS ARE LOCATED.

2. CONGEN NHA TRANG HAS KEPT AN AIR AMERICA VOLPAR IN THE AIR IN THE BAN ME THUOT AREA INTERMITTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY. HOWEVER, TH TACTICAL SITUATION, INCLUDING CONSIDERABLE ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE, CONFIDENTIAL

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HAS NOT PERMITTED AN EFFORT TO INSERT HELICOPTERS TO REMOVE THE

AMERICANS.

3. OUR LAST CONTACT WITH STRUHARIK WAS AT 1130 THIS MORNING,  
MARCH 12, BY RADIO FROM THE AIRCRAFT NEARBY. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO  
MAKE RADIO CONTACT WITH HIM SINCE THAT TIME. ARVN HAS BEEN ASKED  
TO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE AMERICAN GROUP FROM  
II CORPS HEADQUARTERS IN PLEIKU THROUGH NEARBY UNITS ON THE GROUND.  
WE  
WILL RESUME OUR OWN EFFORTS TO REESTABLISH CONTACT IN THE MORNING.  
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